

Major Regulation Changes

- **Statewide - Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) Regulations** Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia is a virus that affects fish and has been found in several Michigan water bodies. New regulations are in effect to reduce the spread of this pathogen. See p. 14 for more information.
- **Statewide - Amphibian and Reptile Regulations** The commercial harvest of amphibians and reptiles is prohibited. For additional regulations concerning amphibians and reptiles, see Table 2, p. 9.
- **Upper Peninsula Season Extension - Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskellunge** The closing date for the walleye, northern pike and muskellunge fishing season in the Upper Peninsula has been extended from the last day in February to March 15, see Table 3, p. 10
- **Lake St. Clair and St. Clair River - Lake Sturgeon Catch and Release Season** A catch and release lake sturgeon season has been added. Anglers may fish for lake sturgeon from Oct. 1-Nov. 30, but the harvest of lake sturgeon is prohibited during this time. All anglers targeting lake sturgeon need to obtain a nontransferable sturgeon tag prior to fishing for sturgeon. See Table 4, p. 11.

New regulations appear in red throughout the guide.